

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MAY 16, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present. No guests were present. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts the minutes from April 18, 2006 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

During the month of **April**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, April 1 st , 2006	\$4,320.88
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road & Stream Clean-up expense	(89.82)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	20.00
Bank interest	0.18
Ending Balance, April 30 th , 2006	<u>\$4,251.24</u>
<u>Money Held for Deposit at 4/30/06: \$0</u>	

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, April 1 st , 2006	\$1,548.12
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
KL1 (Growing Greener)	150.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00
Brubaker	1,750.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(1,900.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards Received	0.00
Grant Reimbursement – Brubaker Project	1,079.00
Grant Reimbursement – KL1 Project	123.79
Fish Derby – Ticket Sales	214.00
Fish Derby – Donations	575.00
Bank interest	<u>.22</u>
Ending Balance, April 30 th , 2006	<u>\$1,640.13</u>

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had the following for deposit: Fish Fund- Butler Restoration Services-\$100.00, Appleton Paper Co.-\$250.00, ticket money-\$643.00. There was also \$10.00 in dues money for deposit and a \$4,000.00 reimbursement check from DEP for the Brubaker project. Larry reported that he had the following bills for payment: T & P Sanitation (Porta John) \$90.10, Laurel Run Sportsman (reimbursement for prizes) \$695.00, Schaeffer's Hatchery (fish) exact amount unknown until delivery. On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Chuck Sutton the Treasurer's report was accepted and the bills were approved for payment.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received a \$25.00 donation from the Sherwin Williams' paint store in Ebensburg and 5 cases of soda from Coca Cola in Ebensburg. He also had issued a press release to Justin Eger that is to be in the Mainliner newspaper this week (May 18th). Justin is also to cover the fishing derby on Saturday. We are always thankful for any press coverage that we get. A thank you letter was sent to Barry Wolfe at Prince Gallitzin State Park thanking him for the use of their facility for our winter meetings.

Jerry also reported that he will be buying a large roll of stamps for postage. Lastly, for the minutes, Jerry reported that the board members did hold a brief meeting after the last monthly meeting to discuss the annual service award that is given out each year. Secretary McMullen was to look into the cost of a plaque.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that he had one renewal membership and continues to solicit members.

Public Relation:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Historical Committee:

Alene Smithmyer reported that she had received a newspaper article from Dick Dotts that was in The Progress. It will be added to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Earl reported that he needed a copy of our Certificate of Insurance to be added to the invoice for the Ace Drilling Site flushing project. Larry is to contact our insurance carrier and get this for Earl. This was also a brief discussion of the form for the tax exemption certificate for CCWA. The form will be filled out and mailed in the near future.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report**

KLONDIKE PROJECT

We await word from DEP on approval of the "Wetland" Permit. The weir at the mouth of Little Laurel Run was replaced by Earl Smithmyer and other members. A set of analyses for the Klondike discharges and upstream weirs was received. A final report has been written and awaits printing of maps before forwarding to DEP for final payment on the project. Art had also furnished to Malcolm Crittenden (DEP) a copy of the design map.

BRUBAKER PROJECT

Discussions were held with Gulich Drilling, and they will soon schedule the project, probably in June. One day was spent by Foreman and Rose on compilation of drilling data. Paperwork was completed and sent to Sam Lansberry regarding the valuation of the second set of drill logs.

FERRIS WHEEL PROJECT

We await decision on our Growing Greener proposal in fall or winter. Shawn Simmers reported that he had sent copies of support letters for this project to DEP. Shawn also had a sample of the sludge and fly ash from Appleton Paper that we may be able to use for this project.

AMSBRY PROJECT

Jeff Holtz discussed the project with the LaRues, landowners at Amsbry. Earl reported that he had heard from Jeff and that the LaRues would like to meet Earl for a site visit and discuss the proposed project. Earl is to contact the LaRues to set up this meeting.

GLASGOW PROJECT

Discussions with Amy Wolfe of Trout Unlimited indicate that we can probably obtain funds for exploratory investigations of SAPS 2 as a Technical Assistance Grant. The report by Hedin Environmental was sent to Malcolm Crittenden, so that rebuilding funds can be included in requests from the C&K bonds.

BLANDBURG TREATMENT PLANT

An estimate of \$150,000/yr operation costs was sent to Malcolm Crittenden for incorporation in the C&K bond request. The plant was discussed with Jon Dietz, an engineer specializing in active treatment. We will probably visit the plant with him in the near future.

WEST BRANCH RESTORATION COALITION SYMPOSIUM

The Smithmyers, Jen Demchak, Bryan Rabish, Arthur Rose and others attended this symposium on May 12. Many excellent talks on potential activities and technology applicable to West Branch restoration were presented. Our Klondike and Ferris Wheel

projects were mentioned in the Keynote Address. We exhibited our poster and the Fish Map of Clearfield Creek. About 150 people attended the symposium.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby/Fishing Derby tickets: President Smithmyer reported that he still has lots of tickets left to sell. Earl reported that the trout will be stocked between 5 & 6 PM on Friday evening and we will begin to set up at 6:30 AM on Saturday morning. The following prizes were donated to the fishing derby \$15.00 Barb's Family Restaurant, \$15.00 Layo's IGA, 2 meals from Glen Hope Fire Co., \$20.00 Sir Barney's Restaurant, 5 cases of soda and 120 hot dogs from Smithmyer's Superette, 2 cases of ice tea from Vale Wood Farms. We want to thank these and the many other sponsors to the fishing derby.

Weir-Brubaker Run- Earl reported that we still need to replace at least one weir on this stream. No work date for this project has been scheduled, at this time.

Grant Committee- A lengthy discussion was held as to the status of the grant committee. Several suggestions were made as to projects that we may be able to receive a grant for. Jen Demchack suggested that the CCWA should register with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations. A form was given to Larry to fill out. Earl would like to see anyone interested in serving on this committee to meet prior to the next monthly meeting. A meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 30th, 6:30 PM, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart** open to anyone who would like to serve or who could assist us with the grant committee. Please consider serving on this committee.

New Business:

Roadway Cleanup- the next roadway cleanup will be held on **Sunday, June 11th at 9 AM**. We will be cleaning up the section of roadway between Ashville and the Buckhorn. We will be meeting at the Burger Hut at the intersection of the Coupon Road.

Prince Gallitzin State Park- Earl was contacted by Barry Wolfe's secretary to see if perhaps we would be interested in co-sponsoring a canoe or kayak race at the park. Earl was to call and get more information on this. Also, Earl was asked if perhaps we would be interested in going on a boat tour of the lake to examine first hand the wind erosion of the shoreline. Earl will contact the Park and set this up for late June.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM, June 20, 2006. Please come and join us for this meeting.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Brian Rabish and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.

Listed below are the address for the local representatives that Art would like all members to write to in support of the mine drainage treatment systems. Also, there is a sample letter that can be used.

Senator Robert Jubelirer
Senate Box 203030
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3030

Senator Donald C. White
Senate Box 203041
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3041

Senator Jake Corman
Senate Box 203034
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3034

Representative Gary Haluska
114 Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Representative Richard Geist
Main Capitol Building, Room 144
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Representative Lynn B. Herman
Room 45, East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Representative Camille George
38B East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

March 22, 2006

Senator John Wozniak
Senate Box 203035
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3035

Dear Senator Wozniak:

Several of our members recently attended a briefing by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission about a proposal by SRBC and PA DEP to construct one or more mine drainage treatment systems to increase the flow of the West Branch of the Susquehanna during low-flow periods. This proposal would have the multiple benefits of compensating for consumptive use by agriculture, and treating acid mine drainage. The first of these systems would be on the Barnes-Watkins site near Barnesboro where the mine pool blew out and devastated the upper West Branch about 35 years ago. Another system might be elsewhere in our vicinity, possibly in our Clearfield Creek Watershed.

We are strongly in favor of this plan. In addition to the benefits mentioned above, it would be a model for possible future projects to augment low flow, paid for by water-consuming industries such as power plants. Such projects open a new frontier for solving some of the major acid drainage problems from abandoned mines in the region.

We strongly urge you to support this important initiative, which will help both farmers and the streams in our region.

Sincerely yours,